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**BEFORE THE
PHYSICAL THERAPY BOARD OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the Matter of the First Amended
Accusation Against:

AMY NICOLE KNIGHT, P.T.

Physical Therapist License No. PT 23448,
Respondent.

Case Nos. 1D-2004-64023

OAH No. N20060300608

**STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND
DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the
above-entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:

PARTIES

1. Steven K. Hartzell (Complainant) is the Executive Officer of the Physical
Therapy Board of California. He brought this action solely in his official capacity and is
represented in this matter by Bill Lockyer, Attorney General of the State of California, by Deputy
Attorney General Vivien H. Hara.

2. Respondent Amy Nicole Knight (Respondent) is representing herself.

3. On August 31, 1998, the Physical Therapy Board of California issued
Physical Therapist License No. PT 23448 to Respondent. This license will expire on December
31, 2007, unless renewed.

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1 [Title 16 California Code of Regulations §§1398.44(f) and (g)). Furthermore, Respondent failed
2 to prevent a PTA from providing physical therapy progress reports, which should have been done
3 by a physical therapist, in three (3) of the above-mentioned patients' charts. These admissions
4 are limited to these proceedings and to any other administrative proceedings pertinent to
5 professional licensure and shall not be admissible in any civil or criminal proceedings.

6 9. Respondent agrees that her Physical Therapist License is subject to
7 discipline and she agrees to be bound by the Physical Therapy Board of California (Board) 's
8 imposition of discipline as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.

9 CONTINGENCY

10 10. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Physical Therapy Board
11 of California. Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of
12 the Physical Therapy Board of California may communicate directly with the Board regarding
13 this stipulation and settlement, without notice to or participation by Respondent. By signing the
14 stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that she may not withdraw her agreement or seek
15 to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails
16 to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary
17 Order shall be of no force or effect except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal
18 action between the parties, and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having
19 considered this matter.

20 11. The parties understand and agree that facsimile copies of this Stipulated
21 Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same
22 force and effect as the originals.

23 12. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties
24 agree that the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the
25 following Disciplinary Order:

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DISCIPLINARY ORDER

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, based upon the above stipulations and recitals, that the Board, upon its approval of the Stipulation herein set forth, may, without further notice, enter a Decision whereby Respondent, as holder of Physical Therapist License No. PT 23448, shall, by way of letter from the Physical Therapy Board of California, be publicly reprovod; provided, however, that said public reprovod is conditional upon Respondent’s full compliance with the following conditions precedent:

1. WRITTEN EXAMINATION ON THE LAWS AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE PRACTICE OF PHYSICAL THERAPY. Within 90 days of the effective date of this decision, Respondent shall take and pass the Board’s written examination on the laws and regulations governing the practice of physical therapy in California. If respondent fails to pass the examination, she shall be suspended from the practice of physical therapy until a repeat examination is successfully passed.

2. COST RECOVERY The respondent is ordered to reimburse the Board the actual and reasonable costs of investigation and prosecution incurred by the Board in this matter in the amount of \$6,024.00. Said costs shall be reduced, however, and the remainder forgiven, if Respondent pays \$1,200.00 within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this Decision. In the event respondent fails to pay within ninety (90) days of the effective date of the Decision, the full amount of costs shall be immediately due and payable. Failure to pay the ordered reimbursement, or any agreed upon payment, may constitute a violation of this order. The filing of bankruptcy by Respondent shall not relieve Respondent of her responsibility to reimburse the Board. If Respondent is in default of her responsibility to reimburse the Board, the Board will collect cost recovery from the Franchise Tax Board, the Internal Revenue Service, or by any other means of attachment of earned wages legally available to the Board. Failure to fulfill the obligation could also result in attachment to Department of Motor Vehicle registrations and or license renewals.

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3. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ORDER. A material breach by Respondent of this order shall constitute unprofessional conduct and shall be a basis for further disciplinary action by the Board. In such circumstances, Complainant may reinstate the First Amended Accusation in Case No. 1D 2003 64023, file a Second Amended Accusation, and/or file a supplemental accusation alleging any material breach of this order by Respondent as unprofessional conduct.

OTHER MATTERS

1. Upon full compliance with the conditions precedent set forth in this Stipulation, Respondent's license shall be publicly reprovod by way of a letter from the Board, which shall be in the same form as the letter attached hereto as Exhibit B.

2. It is not contrary to the public interest for Respondent to practice and/or perform her duties as a physical therapist while she is subject to this disciplinary order. It is not the intent of the Board that this order or the fact that Respondent has been publicly reprimanded shall be used as the sole basis for any third party payor to remove Respondent from any list of approved providers.

ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read and considered the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Physical Therapist License. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Physical Therapy Board of California.

DATED: August 13, 2006.

Original Signed By:
AMY NICOLE KNIGHT
Respondent

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ENDORSEMENT

The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Physical Therapy Board of California of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

DATED: August 15, 2006.

BILL LOCKYER, Attorney General
of the State of California

Original Signed By: _____
VIVIEN H. HARA
Deputy Attorney General

Attorney for Complainant

Exhibit A

First Amended Accusation No. 1D-2004-64023

Exhibit B

Draft Public Reproval Case No. 1D 2004 64023

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DECISION AND ORDER

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby adopted by the Physical Therapy Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs, as its Decision in this matter.

This Decision shall become effective on October 25, 2006.

It is so ORDERED September 25, 2006.

Original Signed By:
FOR THE PHYSICAL THERAPY BOARD OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
Donald A. Chu, PhD, PT, President